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For: METHODS OF OBTAINING SELECTED PECTIN FRACTIONS, SUCH FRACTIONS AND THEIR USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-described divisional application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 14, line 25, change "80°" to - 80°C --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 - 39 and add the following new claims 40 - 68:

40. A selected pectin fraction having a degree of esterification which is at least 50% and a setting time which is in the range of 0 to 100 sec, 101 to 200 sec, 201 to 300 sec or in excess of 300 sec, wherein said selected pectin fraction is selected from the group consisting of a first pectin fraction and an at least one second pectin fraction each obtainable by a process comprising:

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